

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-28, 30 and 31 are presently pending in this application. Claims 23-25, 28, 30 and 31 are amended and Claim 29 is cancelled by the present amendment. Support for amended and added Claims can be found in the claims as originally filed, thus no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 23-29 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over at least Claim 19 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,650,766, herein '766'; Claims 30 and 31 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over at least Claim 23 of '766'; Claims 23, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Claims 23, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Yang et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,000,614, herein "Yang").

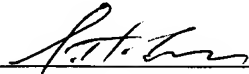
In response to the rejection of Claims 23-29, 30 and 31 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 19 and 23 of '766', Applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the double-patenting rejection be withdrawn.

In response to the rejection of 23, 30 and 31 under §103(a) as unpatentable over Yang, Claims 23, 30 and 31 have been amended to add the limitation of "...human readable information associated with said two-dimensional code directly visible thereon..." found in cancelled Claim 29. Accordingly, as the Yang reference does not include the above limitation, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of Claims 23, 30 and 31 under §103(a) over Yang be withdrawn.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, and in view of the present amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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